

U. S. HISTORY: POST-RECONSTRUCTION TO PRESENT

CONTENT STRANDS:

Domestic Affairs	Economics
Global Affairs	Culture
Civil Rights/Human Rights	

COMPETENCIES AND OBJECTIVES:

Domestic Affairs

1. Understand the evolution of the American political system, its ideals, and institutions post reconstruction.

- a. Cite and analyze evidence that the United States Constitution is a "living" document as reflected in Supreme Court cases, Amendments, and presidential actions. (DOK 3)
- b. Analyze and evaluate the impact of presidential policies and congressional actions on domestic reform. (DOK 3)
- c. Explain and analyze the expansion of federal powers. (DOK 3)
- d. Analyze and evaluate the ongoing tension between individual liberty and national security. (DOK 3)

2. Understand major social problems and domestic policy issues in post-reconstruction American society.

- a. Explain how the family structure has been impacted by the entry of more women into the labor force and the resulting changes in society. (DOK 2)
- b. Trace the response of American institutions such as government and charities to environmental challenges such as natural disasters, conservation and pollution, and property rights regarding natural resources. (DOK 2)
- c. Compare and contrast various social policies such as welfare reform, health insurance reform, and penal codes; and explain how such social policies are influenced by the persistence of poverty. (DOK 2)

Global Affairs

3. Understand how the global position of the United States has evolved as a result of imperialism, economics, technological changes, and involvement in international wars and conflicts.

- a. Analyze the effects of imperialism on the foreign policy of the United States from Reconstruction to World War I. (DOK 3)
- b. Compare and contrast the arguments between the imperialists and anti-imperialists in the late 19th century and justify why the imperialists prevailed. (DOK 3)
- c. Draw conclusions about the causes and effects of American involvement in the world wars. (DOK 3)
- d. Analyze the origins and development of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies, including ideology, technology, economics, and geography. (DOK 3)
- e. Explain and analyze America's role in international organizations, humanitarian relief, and post-war reconstruction efforts throughout the 20th century. (DOK 3)
- f. Analyze and evaluate the causes and effects of the United States' growing involvement in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf. (DOK 3)

Civil Rights/Human Rights

4. Understand how the Civil Rights movement achieved social and political change in the United States.

- a. Analyze the issues that gave rise to the Civil Rights movement from post-reconstruction to the modern movement. (DOK 3)
- b. Trace the major events of the modern movement and compare and contrast the strategies and tactics for social change used by leading individuals/groups. (DOK 2)
- c. Analyze the response of federal and state governments to the goals (including but not limited to ending *de jure* and *de facto* segregation and economic inequality) of the Civil Rights movement. (DOK 3)
- d. Evaluate the impact of the movement in expanding democracy in the United States. (DOK 3)

5. Understand the impact of the Civil Rights struggle on other minority groups (including but not limited to feminists, Native Americans, Hispanics, immigrant groups, individuals with disabilities, people living alternative life styles).

- a. Compare and contrast the goals and objectives of other minority and immigrant groups to those of the Civil Rights movement. (DOK 2)
- b. Cite and analyze evidence of the political, economic, and social changes in the United States that expanded democracy for other minority and immigrant groups. (DOK 3)

Economics

6. Understand the continuing economic transformation of the United States involving the maturing of the industrial economy, the expansion of big business, the changing demographics of the labor force, and the rise of national labor unions and industrial conflict.

- a. Evaluate the factors leading to and the effects of industrialization on the political, physical, and economic landscape of the United States during the late 19th and early 20th century. (DOK 3)
- b. Explain the conditions of industrialization that led to the rise of organized labor and evaluate labor's effectiveness in achieving its goals. (DOK 3)
- c. Identify and explain migration and immigration patterns that developed from the push-pull effects of economic circumstances. (DOK 2)

7. Understand the scope of government involvement in the economy including the following: the regulation of industry and labor, the attempts to manipulate the money supply, and the use of tariffs or trade agreements to protect or expand U.S. business interests.

- a. Cite and explain evidence that led to the transition of the U.S. economy from laissez-faire capitalism to an increasingly regulated economy. (DOK 2)
- b. Analyze and evaluate historical arguments regarding monetary policy. (DOK 3)
- c. Critique the government's use of tariffs and trade agreements. (DOK 3)
- d. Evaluate deficit spending as a means of financing government programs. (DOK 3)

Culture

8. Understand cultural trends, religious ideologies, and artistic expressions that contributed to the historical development of the United States.

- a. Examine cultural artifacts (including but not limited to visual art, literature, music, theatre, sports) to contextualize historical developments. (DOK 2)
- b. Analyze and evaluate the impact of religion on various social movements, domestic/foreign policies, and political debates. (DOK 3)
- c. Evaluate the role mass media has played in shaping perceptions toward certain policies, social groups, other nations, and political ideas. (DOK 3)
- d. Contrast modernism and traditionalism relating to social change. (DOK 2)
- e. Cite and explain evidence of the diversity of the United States. (DOK 2)